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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: Application of: Anand R. Baichwal, et al.
Serial No.: 09/676,376
Examiner: Todd Ware Group Art Unit: 1615
Filed: September 29, 2000
For: **SUSTAINED RELEASE MATRIX SYSTEMS
FOR HIGHLY SOLUBLE DRUGS**

PETITION FOR EXTENSION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

March 10, 2003

Sir:

Applicants petition the Assistant Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response from the Notice of Appeal received by the U.S. Patent Office on December 9, 2002 for one (1) month from February 9, 2003 to March 9, 2003.

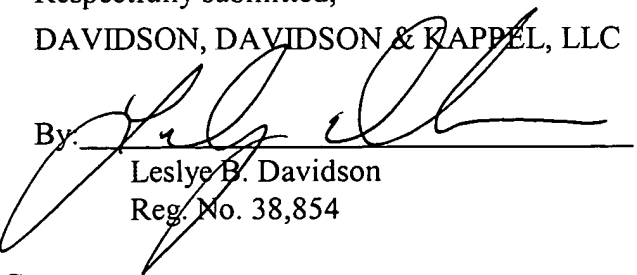
This Petition is being filed together with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). A check in the amount of \$860.00 is enclosed, \$750.00 of which is for the RCE fee and \$110.00 of which is for the petition for a one-month extension of time. If it is determined that any additional fees are due or that any fees have been overpaid, the Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge said fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0552.

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